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Abstract:

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"Section 5.2 of Method 28 states that 'evidence that a wood heater cannot be operated at a burn rate less than 0.80 kg/hr shall include ... results of two or more test runs demonstrating that the burn rates were greater than 0.80 kg/hr when the air supply controls were adjusted to the lowest possible position or settings.' How does EPA interpret this requirement?"

"The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that a good-faith effort has been made to achieve a Category 1 burn rate. However, if the air supply control is tamper-proof, EPA will accept one test as adequate documentation that the stove cannot achieve a Category 1 burn rate. Note that this applies only to stoves which do not reach the low burn rate because of limits on the air supply; manufacturers of stoves which cannot sustain a burn rate at lower air settings will still be required to submit documentation of two or more attempts. In all cases, a test series consisting of at least four runs is required."